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CURRENT COMMENT.

The report that King Milan had been divorced is denied.

EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, receives almost daily letters containing threats against his life.

CHARLESTON, S. C., is talking about having a million dollar hotel, a steamship line to Baltimore and a public park.

The Canadian police have arrested in Toronto the notorious counterfeiter Johnson, who escaped from the United States authorities in Detroit three weeks ago.

A VERDICT of acquittal was rendered in the case of the United States against ex-Chief Customs Inspector Irwin A. Gardner, charged with smuggling opium at Portland, Ore.

DURING the past year no less than seventeen Deputy United States Marshals have been shot and killed in the Creek-Indian Territory. Of these three were killed last week, John Phillips, Hector Thomas and John Trammel.

PARIS police recently raided the house of the director of an Orleans printing establishment and seized a large number of copies of a circular letter addressed by the Comte de Paris to Conservative mayors throughout France. The letter was declared to be treasonable.

MORMON CHURCH agents have turned over to receiver Dyer the noted Church farm near Salt Lake, 1,110 acres, valued at \$150,000. Further large amounts of property are expected to be reclaimed within a few days in Government proceedings against Mormon Church property.

THE total cost of the Republican National convention was \$30,600. A deficit of \$700 existed. The three largest items of expenses were \$7,000 to the Auditorium Association for hall rent; \$2,975 for electric lighting and \$5,000 for entertaining members of the National convention.

In the case of Joseph M. Chase, Senator Cullom's coachman, indicted at Washington for manslaughter in causing the death of Prof. E. A. Paul on March 31 last by recklessly driving into him and his bicycle, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Notice of motion for a new trial was given.

GRACE GREENWOOD says that all Parisian women are not frivolous, any more than all Boston women are profound. She does not believe that Anglo-Saxons enjoy a monopoly of home virtues and practical piety, and she does believe that the great majority of French wives are loyal, French mothers tender, French grandmothers and elderly maiden ladies devout.

OTTO LUEKER, the State Entomologist, has returned from the scene of the grasshopper invasion in the northern part of Minnesota and says the efforts at destroying the insects have been so successful that but less than half yield may be expected. The fact has been revealed that each insect is attacked by so many parasites that their future invasion is quite improbable.

DURING the last fiscal year the number of post-offices established was 3,364; discontinued, 1,642; fourth class postmasters resigned and successors appointed, 6,139; number removed, 1,224; whole number appointed, 11,852; number of Presidential postmasters resigned and successors appointed, 382; number removed, 20; whole number of Presidential postmasters changed during the year, 436.

THE marriage in New York of the Duke of Marlborough created considerable talk in London and immediately raised the question whether his Grace and his new wife would be received at court. The question was speedily decided, however, by the unofficial, though none the less authoritative, announcement that the Queen would not receive them, divorced persons of whatever rank being tabooed by her Majesty.

ADVISES from the Congo country, May 27, have been received. The camp at Arudwhim is almost wholly under provisions, and the men are suffering severely from lack of food and swamp fevers. Several skeletons have been discovered along the route taken by Stanley, probably the consequences of fights with the natives. Major Bartlett, believing that Stanley was five hundred miles beyond the camp in the direction of Khartoum, was making preparations to make his way to him.

PATENTS to agricultural lands entered under the various public land laws have been issued by the General Land-office during the fiscal year as follows: Cash entries, 29,692; homestead, 15,592; timber culture, 1,343; desert land, 30; scrip, 523; total, 47,180. There were also issued 1,034 patents to mineral lands, 114 patents to coal lands and 59 patents to private lands under grants. Patents during the fiscal year were issued as follows: Agricultural lands, 24,558; mineral, 1,489; coal, 58; private, 260; total, 26,340.

THE Department of Agriculture's report on the fruit prospects this year says that 1888 being numerically an even year, should be a favorable season for apples, and the fruit returns of the season show generally a good prospect in every important fruit section, especially in New England and the Middle States. The outlook is less favorable in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia than any other part of the country. The condition of the peach crop is generally reported lower than that of apples, but in the most important States the reverse of this seems to be true.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.
The Senate on July 2 occurred in the conference report on the Legislative Appropriation bill. After the passage of several resolutions referring more specially to local matters the River and Harbor bill was taken up, and after a long discussion the amendment abolishing an assessor River Commission was disagreed to, and after several amendments had been made the bill passed. It appropriates \$2,474,788. Senator Turpie presented a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the tariff reform, at the close of which the Senate went into executive session and adjourned until Thursday. In the House Mr. Anderson, of Iowa, introduced a bill providing for the control and regulation of certain railroads. The bill is very long, and Mr. Anderson, in order to expedite the passage of the bill, introduced a resolution to the effect that the bill be read in full. This occupied several hours, when he offered another long bill and demanded its reading. In order to break the deadlock the House adjourned until Friday.

The Senate was not in session on the 31st. The conference report on the Post-office Appropriation bill was presented and non-conference committee on the Senate amendment appropriating \$200,000 to provide a more efficient mail service with South and Central America; also the amendment relating to the rate of postage on news papers, and a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the tariff reform. The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of the bill on the tariff bill. The House on the 31st the conference report on the Agricultural Appropriation bill was presented and Senator Plumb spoke in favor of adhering to the Senate amendment. A further conference was asked on this item. Senator Plumb also presented an amendment which he proposed to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the tariff reform. The House on the 31st the conference report on the Agricultural Appropriation bill was presented and Senator Plumb spoke in favor of adhering to the Senate amendment. A further conference was asked on this item. Senator Plumb also presented an amendment which he proposed to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the tariff reform.

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PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.
The Postmaster-General has written a letter to the President formally protesting against the proposition made by the Civil Service Commission to extend the classification of the post office to include the railway postal service.

The end of a National sensation was reached when the celebrated criminal life case of ex-Postmaster-General "Tas" Adams and William W. Cook, was discontinued.

GENERAL SHERIDAN was reported on the 31st to have taken a relapse, while on board the Swatara.

CHARLES A. ASHBURNEY, of the United States Geological Survey, has received an offer from the Shah of Persia to take charge of the Persian engineering corps.

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS, of Illinois, is lying seriously ill in his Washington home with fever and inflammation of the bowels.

VERMONT district judge recommissioned John W. Stewart for Congress.

The Liberal successes in the municipal elections in Italy have alarmed the Vatican, who are opposed to the intervention of the clergy, will counsel them to abstain from future elections.

GENERAL GEORGE C. ROGERS, of Kansas, a member of the Board of Pension Appeals in the Interior Department, has been discharged, and James Lacey, of Missouri, has been appointed to the vacancy.

THE alarming symptoms in the sickness of General Sheridan were reported the next day to have subsided.

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THE National Republican Committee formally notified General Harrison of his election to the Presidency at Indianapolis on the 31st.

JOHN MARTIN, of Shawnee, has been nominated by the Kansas Democrats for the Governorship. The other candidates nominated were: Lieutenant-Governor, H. Miles Moore; Secretary, Allen G. Thurman; Auditor, W. H. Whitte; of Paola; State Treasurer, W. H. White, of Council Grove; Attorney-General, C. F. Diefenbacher, of Great Bend; Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. M. Cole, of Phillipsburg; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, W. P. Campbell, of Wichita.

THE American party of California held its annual convention on the 31st and elected Governor, Dr. W. F. Nichols, of Philadelphia, recently elected Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, has declined on the ground that his duty calls on him.

THE O'Donnell bill suit against the London Times ended in favor of the newspaper. Egan declared the letters connecting him with the murder conspiracies were "villainous forgeries."

KING MILAN, of Serbia, has been divorced from Queen Natalie by the Church Synod.

The President vetoed another private pension bill on the 31st, and in doing so refused to sign the bill of a pensioner in private pension legislation were an injustice to the worthy veterans and a waste of public money.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL GARLAND has returned to Washington after a brief visit to the lower Potomac. He is improved in health but is still too weak to resume his duties at the department. He will probably leave in a day or two for Rock Springs.

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THE Theater des Bouffes, at Bordeaux, has been destroyed by fire, causing a loss of 1,000,000 francs. Nobody was injured.

An expedition is being formed at Berlin for the relief of Emin Bey.
An electric street railway has been completed and opened at Little Rock, Ark. The business portion of Lake City, Mich., was destroyed by fire on the 31st, two blocks being burned down. The loss was \$75,000; insurance light.

THREE balloonists were dragged out to sea at Boston on the 31st. They were rescued by a steam yacht, after an extremely narrow escape.

WHILE 300 or 400 people were seated in the grand stand on the grounds of the Yalobusha County (Miss.) Fair Association on the 31st, the supports gave way without warning, and the structure fell to the ground. Several persons were seriously injured, one fatally, but no one was killed outright.

The severest rain, hail, thunder and lightning storm experienced in Scranton, Pa., for many years prevailed on the 31st. Bartholomew Reagan and John Armstrong were struck by lightning and killed. The rain fell in torrents, choking the sewers and flooding the streets and cellars.

On the morning of the 31st at Marysville, O., early on the morning of the 31st in the block in which the most valuable business houses in the city were located. Loss was \$200,000; insurance, \$60,000.

HARRY C. COVINGTON, a fisherman and sister were drowned in Lake Johanna, near St. Paul, Minn., recently by their boat capsizing.

THREE men were arrested recently and taken to Chicago, charged with being in a conspiracy to wreck trains and destroy property on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Dynamite was found in their possession and a card of membership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The business portion of Maunabo, O., was destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss, \$100,000. Cause, firecrackers.

Disorders at Seoul, Korea, have been ended. They were caused by stories that the principal business houses of the city had been destroyed by fire.

The monument to Francis Scott Key, the gift of the late James Lick to the city of San Francisco, was unveiled on the 31st. Eleven of Key's descendants were present.

For the principal business houses of Durango, Col., were destroyed by fire on the 31st. Loss, \$50,000.

The war on dressed beef and packing house products still continues with unabated vigor and there is no immediate prospect of a settlement. It is generally conceded by freight men that the rates will yet go lower and that the rates on other commodities will be cut before very long.

GUS BOGERS, aged nineteen, was hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., on the 31st for the murder of William Morgan in the Creek Nation last year.

SOLOMON NELSON and E. C. Heiberger were drowned in Bell Creek near Canon Falls, Minn., the other day while repairing a bridge, the latter falling into the water and the former going to his rescue. Nelson was a prominent business man.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the United States, 1912; Canada, 1912; total, 214, compared with 301 the previous week and 154 the corresponding week last year.

As a coal train was passing through the village of Dayton, N. J., on the 31st, it was struck by a cyclone and Conductor John Dyer, of Trenton, with two of the train men were blown from the train and fatally hurt.

REPORTS have been received of the killing of three Italian laborers in the Seminole country by Indians. The boys had previously killed an Indian.

Nearly 4,000 Italian immigrants arrived at Castle Garden during the past six months. Many of them are in a destitute, even starving condition in New York.

J. W. BROWN, the alleged polygamist recently arrested in Chicago, was married at Detroit, Mich., in the case of marriage Mary Benjamin, pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jail. It is now reported that she has been released from the jail.

FIRE destroyed \$150,000 worth of property in New York on the morning of the 31st, breaking out in the Century office, East Eighteenth street.

A CONSTRUCTION train on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern road was wrecked recently near Joliet, Ill., by obstructions on the track. Three Italian laborers were killed. Engineer Wright was fatally scalded.

By a collision between passenger trains near Nanticoke, Pa., the other day one fireman was seriously and thirty passengers slightly hurt.

The Russian Government has signed the convention for the abolition of sugar bounties.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Memphis, Little Rock & Indian Territory Railway Company have been filed in Arkansas; capital stock, \$4,600,000.

A BATTERY of boilers at the tannery of A. & J. Groetsinger, on River avenue, Allegheny City, Pa., exploded recently, wrecking several buildings and seriously injuring six persons, three fatally.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.
CLEARING house returns for week ended July 7 showed an increase of 1.1. In New York there was a decrease of 0.7.

MANY ships in the market place of Athens, Greece, were destroyed by fire the other day. Loss, \$75,000.

In the course of a recent address before the Anti-Poverty Society at New York Dr. G. G. G. is reported to have said: "Some day there will be a great war in private pension legislation were an injustice to the worthy veterans and a waste of public money."

THE Chicago convention a truce has been effected between Senator Mahone and Senator Riddleberger by which their long standing personal differences have been laid aside and they agreed to allow them to be in harmony for the success of the Republican electoral ticket in Virginia.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Democratic Convention.
The Democratic State convention at Leavenworth completed its work by selecting the following Presidential electors: At large, B. J. Sheridan, of Miami County; J. L. Grider, of Sumner County; First district, B. A. Sever, of Doniphan County; Second district, C. E. Benton, of Allen County; Third district, E. A. Scammon, of Cherokee County; Fourth district, E. W. Brown, of Franklin County; Fifth district, W. C. Buchanan, of Ottawa County; Sixth district, W. B. Covington, of Phillips County; Seventh district, B. F. Milton, of Ford County. The State Central Committee, composed of the following members: First district, James Horon, Leavenworth; Second, R. B. Morris, Atchison; Third, A. J. Arnold, Shawnee; Fourth, E. D. Thompson, Douglas; Fifth, J. M. McDowell, Lyon; Sixth, M. G. Galbreath, of Leavenworth; Seventh, S. G. Isett, Neosho; Eighth, Henry Little, Dickinson; Ninth, J. L. Francis, Harvey; Tenth, B. J. Sheridan, Miami; Eleventh, C. A. Chandler, Montgomery; Twelfth, William Tang, of Leavenworth; Thirteenth, E. C. Caldwell, Ellsworth; Fourteenth, L. C. Ulen, Smith; Fifteenth, W. E. Carver, Pawnee; Sixteenth, W. A. Frazier, Decatur; Seventeenth, S. T. Major, Sedgewick; Nineteenth, Luke Herrington, Sumner; Twentieth, John A. Wall, Wabunsee; Twenty-first, John A. Wall, Wabunsee; Twenty-second, Albert Perry, Doniphan; Twenty-third, Cornelius Henley, Ellis; Twenty-fourth, E. P. Carruthers, Barber; Twenty-fifth, S. G. Johnson, Marquette; Twenty-sixth, W. B. Covington, Phillips; Twenty-seventh, Joseph Dillon, Kearney; Twenty-eighth, W. A. Eaton, Kingman; Twenty-ninth, Frank Mapes, Wyandotte. The committee met and organized by electing J. A. Wall, Wabunsee, as John M. Galloway secretary and John Hannon treasurer. Hon. H. Miles Moore, nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, appeared before the committee and gave his reasons for declining the nomination, as well as the reasons for declining the nomination of John M. Galloway, who was elected to the committee.

Miscellaneous.
RAILWAY post-office service has been established on the line of the Missouri Pacific railway between Wichita and Kiowa, a distance of eighty-four miles.

The wheat harvest is completed and in the Kansas river valley west of Topeka the average yield is thirty bushels an acre. Plenty of rain fell during the season, greatly benefiting both corn and oats.

J. E. MCCLURE, of Valley, Kan., was recently killed in a mine at Webb City, Mo. In descending into the mine he was suffocated by foul air, fell to the bottom and died.

THE claim-jumper who tried to steal Judge Bailey's homestead by contesting it could not find a lawyer in Garden City who would take his case, and he was finally dismissed without a hearing.

PENSIONERS recently granted the following Kansas: Original, invalid, George W. Robinson, Antrim; Joseph S. Graves, Independence; Isaac R. Ellison, Shawnee; Daniel C. Wells, Leavenworth; John Nicklin, Emporia; William Smith, Portia; Orlando F. Vale, Larned; Elsie Weir, Leavenworth; John H. Lomas, Hiawatha; Thomas J. Mallock, Horton; James R. Dillingham, Leavenworth; Philip H. Independence, Edward A. Clark, San City; John H. Wolfer, Fredonia; Morris Wentz, Piedmont; Increase Dan Markham, Walnut Station; James Cooper, Redfield; Jesse Reynolds, Nickerson; Charles E. Martin, Osgood City; Robert Thomas E. Marcy, Blue Rapids. Original, widows, etc., Mary A. Johnson, former widow of Lee Yingling, Wyandotte; minor of Lee Yingling, Wyandotte and Pittsburgh; Mary E. widow of William C. Williams, Leavenworth; minor of W. S. Sims, Wilmington; Harriet M. Dutcher, former widow of Gilbert S. Sims, Wilmington. Mexican survivors, reissue, William E. Row, Baxter Springs; John Judson, Ottawa. Mexican widow, Mary M. Wells, Leavenworth; Farnham, Leavenworth.

THE farmers of Finney county are having trouble with one of their ditch companies, which refuses to let the water run to those who have liberally to construct it. These farmers planted crops expecting to get water, and will sue the company for damages.

THE Kansas Farmer recently published reports from seventy counties of the State, which showed a very good condition of things. The best showing was made by Wheat. The best since 1881 and is about all harvested and saved. Heavy yields are reported in many cases and the average will be fully equal to that of the best year—twenty-two bushels to the acre. The acreage is the largest ever raised in any one year in the State's history, and the stand and condition are reported good in every part of the State.

LESLIE STILLWELL, twelve years of age, was found dead on the prairie about eight miles south of Leavenworth. His body was crushed and his body mangled. He had gone out to picket some ponies, became entangled in the ropes and the ponies became unmanageable ran away and killed him.

DR. STRICKLAND, formerly a resident of Topeka, and who "the boys" had lots of fun out of by bringing him out for Governor some years ago, was recently arrested at Chicago upon the complaint of a young woman, who charged him with seduction.

A LATE circular issued by the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture says: Of the acreage of wheat harvested the average yield is thirty bushels an acre. At 37½ bushels, being 2½ bushels higher than estimated a month ago, indicating a total wheat product for the State of 17,500,000 bushels. Since the weather has been so good the crop is expected to be an unusually large growth, and with the exception of some damage by bugs entering from adjacent wheat fields, the crop is free from insect depredation. The oats crop in a good many counties was cut short by general bugs, but throughout the State it is reported good.

The ten-year-old son of ex-Councilman McConnell, of Kansas City, Ar., was killed by a switch engine at Armour's packing house the other day. The boy was struck by the engine while he was carrying a package to the train.

POST-OFFICES lately established in Kansas: Diliway, Stafford County; Dunavon, Jefferson County; Kelly, Nemaha County; Milo, Lincoln County; Wewaka, Kiowa County; Wherry, Riley County. Scott City has been taken out.

JUDGE SHIRAS, of the United States circuit court, at Dubuque, Iowa, has denied a new trial in the famous case of Sallie Hilleman against the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life and the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company. The three cases were consolidated. They are well known in legal and insurance circles and were brought nine years ago in Kansas to recover the policies held by plaintiff's husband. In the recent trial at Leavenworth the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$37,000.

The post-offices at Ellis, Erie, Phillipsburg, Richfield and Wallace have become Presiding Justices.

The post-offices at Little Valley, McPherson County, and Sidney, Ness County, have been discontinued.

ARTICLES of consolidation were filed recently with the Secretary of State between the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway Company and the Chicago, Rock Island & Colorado Railway Company, of Colorado, the name of the consolidated organization to be the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway Company, and the capital stock \$55,000,000.

The Railroad Commission recently decided that where a township issues bonds to a railroad under the promise of station facilities the road must maintain such station even if the receipts are insufficient to pay the expenses of maintaining such station.

ALL accounts agree that crop prospects are good.

A DELUGE.

A Downpour of Rain Floods the O. K. Creek Part of Kansas City.

Houses Washed From Their Foundations and Children Reported Missing—Narrow Escapes.

Salvation Army Man Drowned at Washington—Two Children Drowned in New Hampshire.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9.—A terrific rain storm swept down on the city last night at ten o'clock and continued for forty minutes with all the fury of a cloud burst. Thousands of dollars' damage was done, houses were flooded and the streets overflowed. The O. K. creek, which flows through the city, was at one o'clock this morning four children were reported missing, two of them being Ethel and George, children of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Williamson, of Twenty-third street.

At this point O. K. creek was like a mountain torrent. It lifted three frame houses from their foundations and filled them with eight feet of water. A rescuing party was organized by J. B. Brinkley, of Twenty-fourth and Vine streets, and the families imperiled were rescued with the exception of the children who were reported missing. The fire department was called out, but could venture no nearer than within three blocks of the scene.

Eighteenth street was flooded to a depth of from three and a half to four feet between Vine and Campbell streets. While the rain was descending it resembled a river. The surrounding premises were submerged to about the same depth. Cellars were filled and first floors stood two feet below the water. Foundations were weakened and frame buildings fairly groaned and tottered from the pressure of the water.

The sky was black and the night was almost impenetrable to the eye in the ravines where the creeks did so much damage. The rescuing party had a great deal of difficulty in accomplishing its work expeditiously and at the same time with safety. William A. Brown, of Twenty-first and Lincoln streets, who ventured out without a lantern to the assistance of some relatives in the wrecked house plunged into a ravine, almost eighteen feet deep, and barely escaped serious injuries. His shoulder was broken and his face and neck were badly bruised.

People living along Eighteenth street in the flooded district were wild with fright and either hurried into the street or sought upper stories. During the excitement on Eighteenth street, between Troost and Greasy avenues, where the water was the deepest, Mrs. E. A. Shody, of 135 East Eighteenth street, plunged through a broken sidewalk into six feet of water in the cellar of J. H. Kay's undertaking establishment. She was barely saved from drowning by Mr. Kay himself, who saw the accident.

The fire department did not arrive at Twenty-fourth and Vine streets, where three frame houses were swept away, until the tenants were removed. They were scattered about among the hospitals and boarding families, and it was impossible to secure all their names. Joe Graham, a colored man living at Twenty-second street and Prospect avenue, was one of the rescuing party. He had to wade through the water to the Williamson family, and that the surviving members had a very narrow escape.

The houses submerged stood near the junction of the two branches of O. K. creek. A culvert, which was not large enough to carry off the water in one of the branches dammed up and this caused the big overflow. The houses were filled with almost eight feet of water and were wrecked. The water was so deep that the escapees were narrow ones. The Williamson family occupied the house. Mrs. Williamson had been very ill for some time and she was hysterical over the absence of her two children who she said had been drowned. Mr. Williamson was also greatly affected.

Between Tracy and Troost avenues in the ravine near Twenty-second street a frame house occupied by James McHenry, his wife and two daughters, was swept away. The house was filled with water and the inmates were removed in safety to the residence of William C. Masters, where they were provided with shelter for the night.

It was reported that four children had been drowned in this ravine alone, but the rumors could not be traced to any reliable foundation. The residents of Tracy avenue and children for help and gladly offered their shelter for the night. After the waters had subsided organized parties of men with lanterns searched the ravine, but so much mud had been washed down from the hillsides that it was impossible to find any traces of former habitations.

SAVATION ARMY man drowned. The members of the Salvation Army went out to the Eastern branch, Saturday afternoon, for a bathing frolic. The party was in charge of Captain Joseph Davis, and the men were having a glorious time in the water. Captain Davis was looking upon a very expert swimmer, and some of the army people having requested him to show how far out he could swim he started, but before reaching the middle of the channel, he sank. When he rose to the surface he called for help and several of his followers hastened to his aid, but before they could reach him he sank and did not rise again. After searching for about an hour the body was recovered and carried to the morgue.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.
LACONIA, N. H., July 9.—While a party of two ladies and four children were crossing a bridge on the way from Wells to Portsmouth, Lake Winnepesaukee, yesterday, the horse belonging to one of the ladies, named "Bessie," was frightened and backed the carriage into the lake. Two children, Carrie and Arthur Brockelback, of Boston, Mass., were drowned. Mrs. F. Dudley, of New York, was badly injured by a kick from the horse. The others were rescued with difficulty.

Honiton lace has a curious, checkered history. It is said to have been first introduced by the Flemish, who took refuge in England to escape the persecutions of the Duke of Alva. Many Flemish names are to be found in the neighborhood of Honiton. In 1660 there was such a demand for it that France thought it necessary to issue a royal ordinance providing that a mark be affixed to imported English thread lace. The two great firms at Honiton in 1760 and 1767 were the first to make lace by production. Queen Adelaide tried to revive it after twenty years of severe deprivation by ordering a skirt made of sprigs, copies of natural flowers, commencing with the initials of her name. This does not seem to have produced a great revival of the trade, and when our present Queen required her wedding lace it was found difficult to provide the workers; but eventually a dress worth £1,000 was made at the small fishing village of Bear. The English royal family have been most constant patrons of Honiton lace, and have done immense good in keeping the trade alive. We will end by quoting a few quaint words from Fuller's "Worship of the Spindle": "Hereby many children who otherwise would be burdensome to the parish prove beneficial to their parents. Yes, many lame in the limbs and impotent in all their arms, if able in their fingers, save a livelihood thereby; not to say that it saveth many thousands of pounds yearly, formerly sent over seas to fetch laces in Flanders."—Saturday Review.

KANSAS DEMOCRATS.

Meeting of the Democratic State Convention—The Platform and Ticket.
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 5.—The Democratic State convention organized yesterday by the election of Judge J. A. Galloway, of Fort Scott, as chairman. The several committees were appointed and an adjournment taken until the evening, at which time the platform committee agreed to report.

The evening session was called to order at 8:30 p. m. The committee on resolutions was not then prepared to report.

A motion was made to immediately proceed with the nomination of a State ticket. At the suggestion of the chairman a substitute was offered by Mr. Dillon, of Kearney, providing for a committee of three to wait upon the resolution committee and ascertain what their progress was, and when a report could be expected.

Taylor, the colored ex-Minister of Liberia, was called out. He declared the Democrats had treated the negroes better than Republicans had treated them. The committee on resolutions, through its chairman, Mayor Neely, then presented its report, as follows:

First.—That we reaffirm and indorse the declaration of principles set forth in the National Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1884 and at Louisville in June, 1888.

Second.—That we most heartily ratify and approve the action of the National Democratic convention held at St. Louis in June last in the re-nomination of that honest, capable and real statesman, Grover Cleveland, for the office of President of the United States, and for the election of a true interpretation of the principles of the Democratic platform on the question of the tariff which favors taxing the luxuries and not the necessities of life.

Fourth.—We are opposed to all summary laws as being vicious in principle and unethical in practice; also the action of the Republican party of Kansas in passing the law for the election of a Metropolitan police department in certain cities in this State, and for its inequitable and unfair application and enforcement of the same for purely political reasons.

We denounce the system of giving patronage to the voters of Kansas the President's message to Congress, embodying his views on the question of tariff reform, and adopted by the St. Louis convention, as being a true interpretation of the principles of the Democratic platform on the question of the tariff which favors taxing the luxuries and not the necessities of life.

Fifth.—We are, as we always have been, unalterably opposed to wrong, to injustice, and to any system of government which is based on political or social, and we therefore deeply sympathize with the gallant people of Ireland in their righteous and glorious struggle for self-government on their native soil. We extend to them our hearty sympathy and bid them God speed in their great contest for liberty, and we likewise extend to the long suffering and oppressed laboring men of this country our warm sympathy in their contest with the selfish and monopolistic corporations and trusts, created or operated for the purpose, or with the intent of reducing to a condition of servitude the laboring men and women of this country, and we pledge them the support of the Democratic party in the passage and enforcement of laws to protect their rights.

Sixth.—We favor the abolition of the grand jury system as a useless and unnecessary expense to the State, and we demand its repeal as oppressive and inequitable legal machinery.

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